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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

US BUREAU OF LAND  
MANAGEMENT, et al.,

Defendants.

**CV-18-73-GF-BMM**

**JOINT MOTION FOR A  
TEMPORARY STAY OF  
PROCEEDINGS RELATED TO  
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR FEES  
UNDER THE EQUAL ACCESS TO  
JUSTICE ACT**

Plaintiffs WildEarth Guardians, Montana Environmental Information Center, David Katz, Bonnie Martinell, and Jack Martinell (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) and Federal Defendants (collectively, “the Parties”) jointly request that this Court stay proceedings related to Plaintiffs’ motion for attorneys’ fees to allow the Parties to pursue good faith settlement negotiations.

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(c)(1), counsel for the Parties have conferred and are pursuing negotiations in an attempt to settle the issues of fees and costs. The Parties jointly request that the Court stay proceedings on this motion for sixty (60) days, up to and including November 17, 2020, to allow them to continue settlement negotiations. If the Parties are unable to reach a settlement, they will inform the Court and propose a briefing schedule for Plaintiffs to file an amended motion, followed by Federal Defendants’ response, and Plaintiffs’ reply. Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(c)(3), a proposed order is included as Attachment 1 to this motion.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of September 2020,

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